

REMARKS

The specification has been amended herein to correct minor translational and/or grammatical errors. No new matter has been added. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected and have been canceled herein.

Claim 4 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 has been amended as an independent claim and includes the subject matter of base claim 1 therein. Amended claim 4 further includes that the shank (101) at its outer circumference has a plurality of spaced slots (107) uniformly spaced apart from each other to provide an attachment site for the cutting tips (104). Amended claim 4 is in condition for allowance.

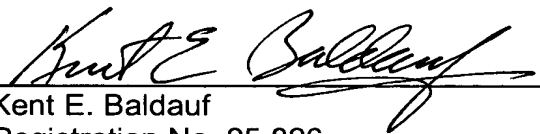
New claims 6 and 7, which are substantially the same as canceled claims 2 and 3, respectively, have been added and depend from allowable claim 4. Accordingly, new claims 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 4 and 6-7 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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